

Amendments to the Claims:

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting an apparatus ~~(48 or 10)~~ from radio frequency interference in a predetermined radio frequency band, comprising, at a policing terminal ~~(PT)~~,

detecting the presence of a radio terminal ~~(46)~~ operable to generate interference in the predetermined radio frequency band in accordance with a first predetermined signalling protocol, and

transmitting a first signal matched to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol,

wherein, in response to receiving the first signal, the radio terminal ~~(46)~~ is inhibited as a source of interference,

wherein the matching of the first signal to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol comprises timing the transmission of the first signal to interfere with at least a portion of a transmission made by the radio terminal in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in~~ claim 1, wherein detecting the presence of the radio terminal ~~(46)~~ comprises detecting a second signal transmitted by the radio terminal in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in~~ claim 2, wherein transmission of the second signal is responsive to a third signal transmitted by the policing terminal ~~(PT)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of~~ claim 1, wherein the first signal matched to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol comprises a message selected from the first predetermined signalling protocol.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of~~ claim 4, wherein the message is a command to disconnect from a communication.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of~~ claim ~~[[6]]1~~, wherein the portion is at least one of a preamble, synchronisation word, address field or header field.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of~~ claim 4, wherein the first predetermined signalling protocol is a networking protocol, the policing terminal ~~(PT)~~ is equipped to operate in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol, and the policing terminal ~~(PT)~~ joins a network comprising the radio terminal ~~(46)~~ prior to transmitting the message.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of~~ claim 8, wherein the policing terminal ~~(PT)~~ becomes a master station in the network prior to transmitting the message.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of~~ claim 2, wherein detecting the presence of the radio terminal ~~(46)~~ comprises detecting from the second signal the address of the radio terminal.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of~~ claim 2, wherein detecting the presence of the radio terminal ~~(46)~~ comprises determining a frequency

hop sequence in use by the radio terminal (46).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of claim~~ ~~[[6]]1~~, wherein the first signal is modulated with noise.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of claim 1~~, wherein the policing terminal ~~(PT)~~ is a component of the apparatus being protected

14. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The method as claimed in of claim 1~~, wherein the apparatus ~~(40)~~ is equipped to operate in accordance with a second predetermined signalling protocol.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The policing terminal (PT) for protecting an apparatus from radio frequency interference in a predetermined radio frequency band, comprising means (24, 28, M3) for detecting the presence of a radio terminal (46) operable to generate interference in the predetermined radio frequency band in accordance with a first predetermined signalling protocol, and means (26, 28, M3) for transmitting a first signal matched to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol to inhibit the radio terminal (46) as a source of interference,~~
wherein the means for transmitting the first signal matched to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol is adapted to transmit the first signal concurrently with at least a portion of a transmission made by the radio terminal in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The policing terminal as claimed in of claim 15~~, wherein the means ~~(24, 28, M3)~~ for detecting the presence of the radio terminal ~~(46)~~ is adapted to detect a second signal transmitted by the radio terminal (16) in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The policing terminal as claimed in of claim 16~~,

comprising means ~~(26, 28, M3)~~ for transmitting a third signal for eliciting transmission of the second signal.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ policing terminal ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 15, wherein the means ~~(26, 28, M3)~~ for transmitting the first signal matched to a characteristic of the first predetermined signalling protocol is adapted to transmit a message selected from the first predetermined signalling protocol.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ policing terminal ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 18, wherein the message is a command to disconnect from a communication.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ policing terminal ~~as claimed in~~ of claim ~~[[21]]15~~, wherein the portion is at least one of a preamble, synchronisation word, address field or header field.

22. (Currently Amended ~~[[A]]The~~ policing terminal ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 18, wherein the first predetermined signalling protocol is a networking protocol, the policing terminal ~~(PT)~~ comprises means ~~(28, M3)~~ for operating in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol, and the means ~~(28, M3)~~ for operating is adapted to join a network comprising the radio terminal ~~(16)~~ prior to transmission of the message.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ policing terminal ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 22, wherein the means ~~(28, M3)~~ for operating in accordance with the first predetermined signalling protocol is adapted to become a master station in the network prior to transmission of the message.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]The~~ policing terminal ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 16,

wherein means ~~(24, 28, M3)~~ for detecting the presence of the radio terminal ~~(16)~~ is adapted to determine from the second signal the address of the radio terminal ~~(16)~~.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~~~The policing terminal as claimed in~~ claim 16, wherein the means ~~(24, 28, M3)~~ for detecting the presence of the radio terminal ~~(16)~~ is adapted to determine a frequency hop sequence in use by the radio terminal ~~(16)~~.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~~~The policing terminal as claimed in claim 20 of~~ claim 15, wherein ~~the~~ means ~~(26, 28, M3)~~ for transmitting the first signal is adapted to modulate the first signal with noise.

27. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus comprising the policing terminal ~~(PT)~~ ~~as claimed in~~ claim 15.

28. (Currently Amended) A wireless network operable in accordance with ~~the a~~ second signalling protocol and comprising ~~a~~ ~~the~~ policing terminal ~~(PT)~~ ~~as claimed in~~ any of claim 15.